Sri K. K. HEGDE.—We have provided Rs. 6 4 lakhs for equipment, staff and contingencies. The Stores Purchase Committee has been addressed to provide equipment. Assistance of doctors from Bombay has been sought. The Indian Medical Council's advice has also been sought. We are going to advertise these posts soon.

Sri A. S. PATIL.—Is it not a fact that on account of the scale of pay of these professors and lecturers being lower than that of professors and lecturers in Mysore State and other States persons are not coming forward in response to advertisements for these posts ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—It is a fact.

Sri A. S. PATIL.—What action has Government taken to rectify this position ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—The immediate step that we are thinking of is to take persons on contract basis.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know whether the buildings would be completed by January 1959 to enable Government to start the clinical course in the new building ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—The building to accommodate 150 beds will be ready by that time.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are the laboratories fully equipped and how much money is spent on them ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—Rs. 4.74 lakhs have been provided for equipment and orders have been placed for it with the Stores Purchase Committee.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Am I to understand that the salaries obtaining in the Hubli Medical College are much lower than those obtaining in the Mysore Medical College ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—No.

Sri P. G. SIDDHANTI.—What is the scale fixed for these professors ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—I want notice.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Is it a fact that some of the professors appointed in the Hubli Medical College are leaving their appointments and seeking service elsewhere for want of adequate scale ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—That is not correct.

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಎಕ್ವಿಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವಗೈರೆ ಖರೀದಿಮಾಡಿ ಎಂದು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಲಾಗುವುದು ?

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—The Hon'ble Member is aware of the difficulties facing the Government as regards procurement of equipment on account of the difficult foreign exchange position. Every effort is being made to provide that.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Both the questions may be taken together.

Smuggling of Foodgrains in the Northern Boundary of the State.

Q.—7. Sri R. M. PATIL (Navalgund).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that smuggling or unauthorised export of foodgrains, specially rice, is being carried on by some merchants on the northern boundary of Mysore State adjacent to Bombay State ;

(*b*) if so, since when it is being carried on ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that on account of the smuggling or unauthorised export on large scale, there is an acute scarcity of rice in North Karnatak Districts of the State and that the prices have shot up ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that this has resulted in starvation of certain section of the public in those districts ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Food).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Since January 1958.

(*c*) No. The markets are well supplied with rice. Government have also arranged supply of dehusked rice to *bona fide* consumers at 2 seers per rupee.

(*d*) No.